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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MARCH 1, 1892.

F. H. Kimball, Treasurer of School Board to the Town.	Dr.
To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1891,	23 47
" Cash received from Town Treasurer for schooling,	757 25
" " " " " " " " text-books,	51 09
" " " " " sale of books to scholars,	2 99
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	\$834 80

CR.

By cash paid teachers,	\$568 00
for tuition and transportation,	45 00
wood, sawing same and	
putting into shed,	22 40
coal	47 49
building fires and care of	
buildings,	16 00
9 chairs	6 30
repairs,	23 67
incidental expenses,	23 16
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	\$752 02

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Cash paid S. D. Downes,	4 37
Ginn & Co.,	3 33
American Book Co.,	4 72

Cash paid Educational Publishing Co.,	2 40	
Geo. S. Perry,	1 83	
G. F. King & Merrill,	5 35	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	14 28	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	8 39	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	4 67	
Express on above,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$51 09
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		\$803 11
Cash in Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1892,		\$31 69

F. H. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above report of the Treasurer of School Board, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. W. GRAY,
CHAS. H. KIMBALL, } *Auditors*



ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.

Lorena M. Kimball,	Harry E. Nourse,
Bertha E. Nourse,	Wm. Dennis Downes,
Nora M. Fleming,	Lena M. Sawyer.
Scott H. Eaton.	

SECOND TERM.

Scott E. Williams,	Ethel Odell,
Frank E. Flemming,	Bertha E. Nourse,
Wm. Dennis Downes,	Rosa A. Sawyer,
Harry E. Nourse,	Edith M. Sawyer,
Nora M. Flemming,	Lizzie Salisbury,
Nellie Adams,	Mary Moore.
Lorena M. Kimball,	

THIRD TERM.

Lorena M. Kimball,	Frank E. Flemming,
Wm. Dennis Downes,	Harry E. Nourse,
Rosa A. Sawyer,	Ethel M. Odell.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.

Ethel M. Burt,	Daisy G. Caldwell,
Daisy Z. Dickey,	Evie M. Stevens.

SECOND TERM.

Harry J. Balch,	Ethel M. Burt,
Annie B. Kimball,	Helen W. Knight.
Katie G. Twitchell.	

THIRD TERM.

Harvey J. Balch,
 Ethell M. Burt, t,
 Daisy G. Caldwell,

Annie B. Kimball,
 Evie M. Stevens,

NORTH BENNINGTON.

FIRST TERM.

Henry J. Colby.

In accordance with the provisions of the statute, your School Board present the following report. The design of a School report is to give the citizens of a town information respecting the condition of their Schools, and their management during the last year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS RICKER, Teacher.—We cannot say too much in praise of this teacher and her scholars. During the Spring and Summer terms their improvement was in the highest degree satisfactory, and in the Winter term, nearly finished, their interest does not flag in the least. It seems to be their delight to please their teacher, and well it may, for if there is any good will in a scholar, she is sure to find it; she is surely the right one in the right place. If you do not understand why we speak so highly of this teacher and her scholars, visit their school and you will know.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS ROGERS, Teacher.—This teacher worked with untiring zeal to make her School successful, but during the last part of the Summer term was tormented by extreme ugliness in a very few of her scholars. She seemed to believe mostly in moral suasion. Surely, that is good as far as it will go, but we are given to understand by undoubted authority, that "Judgments

are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the backs of fools." The records show that in the early part of this century the most essential quality in a teacher was his flogging power, but since those days, civilization has greatly improved our common schools, yet, in this christian land, in the last days of this enlightened nineteenth century, that power is liable to be called for.

WINTER TERM.

Taught by Miss NESMITH, a teacher of great experience, a sovereign in her School, but never a tyrant. At the commencement there seemed to be signs of war; but after a few slight skirmishes peace reigned within, and the greatest improvement has been made in every way.

NORTH BENNINGTON.

Spring Term—Miss COBURN, Teacher.—She seemed to be very much interested in her School, and her pupils made much improvement. In this School we found the best scholar in Bennington, considering her age. No Summer term. The scholars were conveyed to South Antrim, giving them the advantages of city school.

REMARKS.

Your School Board would recommend that parents and others visit the Schools more frequently than they do. Be sure and be present the last day of every term. If your scholars know that their parents will be there to hear them recite, they will look forward and try to do their best. It will be to them a great event. Parents seem to be much more interested in the Primary than in the Grammar School. The Summer term of both schools closed the same day, the Grammar in the forenoon and the Primary in the afternoon. One lonely mother was the only visitor in the Grammar, while there were more than forty in the Primary. Parents, do not forsake the picture before it is finished. You send your children to the Primary School;

they are like the canvas on which the artist paints a picture ; only in this case the beauty of the picture depends upon the quality of the canvas, but you expect the artist to do her best. Day after day she works upon that canvas, laying the foundation of your picture, but before it is half finished it is taken from that artist, and given to another. Follow the picture and let the next artist know that you are as much interested in the finishing as you were in laying the foundation. Your presence will inspirit her, which will help her to give you a living picture painted for everlasting life.

We think, we know, that the welfare of your Schools are to a great extent in your hands. Who can do so much to encourage scholars and teacher as you can, or who can do so much to discourage both ? Let your children know by your words and works that you consider their education of more value than all else you can give them. Send them to School every day, send them early. Scholars cannot make much improvement unless they are in School constantly while it is in session.

FRED H. KIMBALL, }
W. D. WOODS, } *School Board.*



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Weeks of School.	Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number not absent.	Visits by School B'd.	Visits by others.	Teachers' Names.	Wages per Week.
FIRST TERM.								
Grammar,	9	32	24	6	6	24	Mary A. Rogers.	\$8
Primary,	10	45	40	7	4	38	Sadie A. Ricker,	8
North,	8	6	—	1	2	21	M. A. Colburn.	5
SECOND TERM.								
Grammar,	10	29	25	5	3	18	Mary A. Rogers.	\$8
Primary,	10	54	48	13	3	23	Sadie A. Ricker.	8
THIRD TERM.								
Grammar,	12	32	28	5	3	26	J. M. Nesmith.	10
Primary,	12	53	43	6	3	26	Sadie A. Ricker.	8



FINANCIAL REPORT

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1892.

SELECTMEN TO THE TOWN.

DR.

Uncollected taxes on Lawrence's list, 1890	\$ 437 68
Lawrence's list, 1891	3,949 39
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	\$4,387 07

CR.

By paying treasurer, Lawrence's list, 1890,	\$392 78
“ “ 1891,	3,267 90
Abatements “ 1890,	29 56
“ “ 1891,	11 25
Uncollected taxes “ 1890,	15 34
“ “ 1891,	670 24
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	\$4,387 07

GEORGE ANDREW WHITTEMORE, TSEASURER.

To Town, Dr.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1891,	\$1,018 17
cash received from Lawrence's list, 1890	392 78
“ “ “ 1891	3,267 90
“ county, Oct 3d, soldiers' aid -	95 00
“ Selectmen for W. H. Hunt's lot in cemetery,	5 00
“ “ “ Abby Hatch “ “	5 00
“ “ “ Wm. Keith “ “	5 00

Cash Wm. H. Darrah, pool table license	5 00
“ state treasurer (diseased cattle)	21 30
“ “ insurance tax	3 75
“ “ railroad tax	74 29
“ “ savings bank tax	1,025 57
“ “ literary fund	116 25
“ J. Harmon, janitor	80 00
“ F. M. Twitchell, use of oxen	4 50
“ W. H. Darrah, town clerk, dog licenses	126 19
“ F. B. Gould, one-half lot in cemetery	2 50
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	\$6,248 20

CR.

By aid furnished D. Bartlett, indigent soldier	\$102 00
“ “ Chas. White, “ “	33 00
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	\$135 00

LABOR ON ROADS.

Paid F. A. Taylor, labor on road (dist. 7) 1890	9 00
“ “ hauling gravel, 1891	3 85
“ S. E. Staples, labor on road	15 88
Levi Colby, labor, old bill	6 30
Geo. E. Colby, gravel, old bill,	1 50
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	\$36 53

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid F. L. Dickey	\$4 20
“ J. J. Griswold	4 00
“ C. F. Balch	14 85
“ Levi Colby, 1891	4 00
“ “ “ 1892	8 50
“ F. A. Taylor, 1892	18 40
“ W. H. Darrah	5 25
“ Moses Newton	3 30
“ F. J. Newton, 1890	1 35
“ “ “ 1891	6 00
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	\$69 85

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Hartwell Lakin, hearse,	\$ 75
T. H. Coffin, badges,	2 35
Freight and express,	2 00
J. H. Wilkinson, painting, etc.,	4 00
E. C. Eastman, stationary and books, (3 bills,)	17 45
Dr. Morris Christie, recording births and deaths,	5 00
Dr. Anthoine, " " " 1890,	2 50
C. S. Brown, teams,	7 00
S. D. Downes, sundries,	2 69
Forsaith & Hunt, tinning cupola,	12 65
R. V. Kinght, labor on engine house,	1 50
Alfred Gray, labor on bridges and cemetery,	3 00
Geo. Herrick, " "	1 50
Fuel, oil, etc., for hall,	14 12
Wm. H. Darrah, recording deeds,	1 92
Wm. H. Darrah, expenses,	2 90
Wm. H. Darrah, railing,	25 00
F. B. Gould, stationary, etc.,	5 28
Town Reports,	25 80
M. B. Paige, damage to horse,	25 00
A. W. Gray, decoration,	25 00
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, lumber,	10 85
E. M. Scarbo, labor on railing,	2 62
W. H. Darrah, dog license fees,	10 20
John Harmon, hens killed,	15 00
W. H. Darrah, recording pool-table license,	50
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	\$231 33

TOWN OFFICERS.

Albert B. Lawrence, collector, 1890,	53 73
" " " " 1891,	54 91
Henry J. Burt, supervisor,	5 00
Levi Colby, School Board,	15 00

C. E. Eaton, auditor,	2 00
A. W. Gray, “	2 00
F. H. Kimball, school board,	5 00
W. D. Wood, school board,	20 00
John Harmon, janitor,	31 30
W. D. Wood, school clerk,	5 00
Wm. H. Darrah, town clerk,	28 00
G. A. Whittemore, treasurer,	40 00
B. F. George, moderator, two meetings,	4 00
Wm. H. Darrah, 1st selectman,	41 60
F. B. Gould, 2d “	38 10
B. F. George, 3d “	44 50
Moses Newton, supervisor,	4 00
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	\$394 14
Non resident highway receipts, 1890,	9 78

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Interest on bonds,	280 00
Paid To G. A. Whittemore,	18 75
Mary E. Smith.	108 00
town bonds, No. 13,	500 00
interest on bond, 13,	3 33
town bond, No. 5,	100 00
town bond, No. 3,	100 00
interest on town bonds, No's 3 and 5,	1 33
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	\$1,111 41

KEEPING TRAMPS.

Geo. O. Joslin,	11 00
Mrs. Avery,	1 50
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	\$12 50

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

F. A. Taylor, building wall,	60 00
B. F. George, surveying,	3 00
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	\$63 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid F. M. Twitchell, road agent	\$428 11
Paid Parker Bryer for oxen	150 00
“ Wm. H. Darrah, keeping oxen	62 36
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	\$212 36
school money,	\$757 25
school books and supplies	51 09
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	\$808 34
Wm. Taylor, snowing bridge	3 50

LIBRARY.

Alonzo C. George, (committee)	\$25 00
Crawford & Stockbridge, binding	15 40
A. M. Dodge, librarian	19 50
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	\$59 90

PUBLIC TAXES.

State tax	\$620 00
County tax	449 91
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	\$1,069 91

BALDWIN BRIDGE.

Paid Chas. H. Bass	\$27 30
“ Wm. G. Roach	13 43
“ S. G. Wallace	2 50
“ Geo. Ross	1 50
“ Levi Colby	17 25
“ E. M. Scarbo,	3 00

Paid F. P. Ellenwood	9 63
“ F. B. Gould	12 25
“ B. F. George	6 00
“ Berlin Iron Bridge Co.	750 00
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	\$842 86

DISEASED CATTLE.

Paid S. G. Wallace, slaughtering	\$2 00
“ G. E. Colby, burying	1 00
“ J. N. P. Woodbury, veterinary	5 00
“ Geo. E. Colby, cow killed	16 00
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	\$24 00
Wm. E. Taylor, watering trough	3 00
Moses Newton, watering trough	3 00
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	\$6 00

FIRE COMPANY.

Paid A. C. George, care of engine	\$25 00
“ M. M. Cheney, pay roll of engine company	75 00
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	\$100 00

ABATEMENTS.

LAWRENCE'S LIST, 1890.

Pat Cashion	\$ 1 32
James Foote	1 98
H. A. George	1 32
O. V. Hudson	1 32
John Hudson	3 88
F. J. Newton	14 78
D. O. Nash	1 32
Thomas Shea	1 32
L. L. Woodbridge	1 32
John D. Wilson, dog	1 00
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	\$29 56

LAWRENCE'S LIST, 1891.

Andy Cleary, dog	1 00
H. H. Huntley, paid at Marlow	1 65
John Scott, paid at Stoddard	1 65
E. L. Pierce, paid at Boston	1 65
L. L. Woodbridge	1 65
Thomas Walch	1 65
Nicholas Shea, dog	1 00
Geo. E. Fish, dog	1 00

 \$11 25

RECAPITULATION.

Money, receipts, etc., in treasurer's hands,	\$6,248 20
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TREASURER, CR.

By aid furnished indigent soldiers,	\$135 00	
Paid for labor on roads,	36 53	
breaking roads, *	69 85	
miscellaneous expenses,	231 33	
town officers,	394 14	
non-resident highway tax receipt,	9 78	
notes and interest,	1,111 41	
keeping tramps,	12 50	
account Evergreen cemetery,	63 00	
road agent,	428 11	
oxen	212 36	
school money,	808 34	
snowing bridge,	3 50	
library,	59 90	
public taxes,	1,069 91	
Baldwin bridge,	842 86	
diseased cattle,	24 00	
watering troughs,	6 00	
fire department,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,618 52
Balance in treasurer's hands,		629 68
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		\$6,248 20

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid for oxen		\$150 00
“ “ keeping oxen		62 36
“ F. M. Twitchell, road agent		428 11
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		\$640 47
By labor of oxen	\$79 50	
“ oxen sold	140 00	
“ highway tax	587 29	
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	\$806 79	
Balance of highway tax not used		\$166 32
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		\$806 79

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Mrs. Mary Smith's note,	\$1,800 00	
Bonded debt,	6,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,400 00

Against this we have the following assets :

Uncollected taxes, 1890 and 1891,	\$685 58	
Cash in treasurer's hands,	629 68	
Due from the county,	40 00	
Due from the county for oxen,	140 00	
Net liabilities,	6,904 74	
	<hr/>	\$8,400 00
Net liabilities, 1891,	\$7,637 75	
“ “ 1892,	6,904 74	
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Debt reduced,	\$733 01	

WM. H. DARRAH,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
F. B. GOULD,	
B. F. GEORGE,	

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN C. DODGE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
M. M. CHENEY,	

REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

The Board of Firewards submit the following report of the condition of the fire department for the year ending Mar. 1, 1892 :

APPARATUS.

Merrimack engine No 1 in good condition, 300 feet jacket rubber lined cotton hose in good condition, being in use one year.

300 feet linen hose, rubber lined, in fair condition.

50 feet of double cotton hose in good condition.

150 feet leather hose, double riveted, in fair condition.

1 fire extinguisher in town hall in good condition.

1 19-foot ladder.

1 22-foot ladder.

1 26-foot ladder kept in engine house.

Also the Company own 1 fire hook, 2 rubber coats, lanterns, etc. As there have been no fires, of course there are none to report.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. B. GOULD,	} <i>Firewards.</i>
F. H. KIMBALL,	
A. B. LAWRENCE.	

LIBRARY REPORT.

1891.

Money left over from last year,	\$1 95
Received for fines and catalogues,	5 24
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	\$7 19
Expenses,	79
Paid to Miss Scarbo, Librarian,	\$6 40
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	\$7 19

MRS. A. M. DODGE.

Bennington, N. H., Feb. 18, 1892.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash brought over from 1891,	\$7 58
Received from Town Treasurer,	25 00
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	\$32 58

CR.

Paid S. A. Brown for printing laws,	\$1 25
Cash on hand, March 1, 1892,	\$31 33
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	\$32 58

A. C. GEORGE, Treasurer.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Brice.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Occupat'n of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n	Condition	Name, Residence and Official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 10	Antrim	Andy Clary Maggie Cashion	Bennington	Knifemaker	Turner's Falls, Ms.	Michael Clary Mary Clary Patrick Cashion Ellen Cashion	Ireland " "		1	S. G. Hastings, Clergyman, Antrim.
Apr. 18	Hillsborough	Herbert C. Hunt Mary Jane Gay	Pittsfield, Mass.	Paper st'k dealer	Wiona, Minn.	Wm. F. Hunt Caroline E. Pratt Albert Gay Abigail Richardson William Wilson	Lubec, Me. Boston, Ms. Deering Hillsboro		1	D. W. Goodale, Clergyman, Hillsboro.
Nov. 25	Bennington	Henry W. Wilson Hattie A. Kimball	Bennington	Mechanic	Bennington	Mary Ann Wilson Chas. H. Kimball Etta J. Wood	Millford Bennington	Mechanic	1	G. W. Lawrence, Clergyman, Bennington.

*Condition. What marriage—1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

Date.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth.	Male.	Female.	W. M. S.*	Occupation.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 26	Chas. A. Fleming	32	10	13	Bennington	M		M	Paper maker	Bennington Colebrook	Chester, Vt.	J. H. Fleming	Orinda Dresser
May 9	Eva Belle Hatch		5	23	Antrim	F		F			Gloucester, Mass.	Alby Hatch	Belle Clark
May 26	Sally Whittemore	82	3	6	Bennington	"		W			Oakham, Mass.	Benj. Bullard	B. P. Woodace
May 30	William Eaton	75	10		Hillsboro'	"		S	Mechanic	Deering Ireland	Deering, Ireland	John Eaton	Detsey Moore
June 25	Michael Cody	14			Killy Co. Ire	"		M	R. K. employe			James Cady	Ellen Cuddihy
Aug. 26	Lots Fish	70			San Ja's Cal.	"		"				Philip Mallett	Thaise Mallett
Sept. 29	Ed P. Mallett		23		Bennington	"		S	Farmer	Nova Scotia Harrisville	Nova Scotia	Benj. Quimby	Florence Tyler
Oct. 30	James M. Quimby	70	7		Meredith	"		"				Willie N. Hunt	
Nov. 17	Frank B. Bowers	44	9	27	Hancock	"		"				Timothy Roach	Susan Roach
Nov. 29	David P. Roach	78	1	16	Deering	"		"	"		Deering Boston, Mass.	Orisen G. Smith	Bridget Conney
Dec. 9	Frances Smith				Bennington	"		"			Brattleboro, Vt.	Levi Staples	Angeline Earl
Dec. 21	Lestiria Staples	61			Plymouth	"		"				Sanford Hatch	Ann Keath
Dec. 22	Warren D. Hatch	70	9	13	Oakham	"		"					

*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. DARRAH, Town Clerk.

